

## Reflection Sheet module 2

*What does Gagne mean by chance elements?*

Chance elements mean the circumstances you are born into: society, economic status, parenting etc.

*Give examples of possible chance factors under the following headings?*

*Developmental process*

The provision that is available to the student,

Available funds, teacher knowledge/awareness of G&T

*Intrapersonal catalysts-physical*

Health- chronic illness, malnutrition

Physical disabilities

*Intrapersonal catalysts-psychological*

Poor concentrations skills, low self esteem, lack of motivation, not understanding why they have different interests.

*Environmental catalysts-macroscopic*

Where the child comes from, cultural views,

*Environmental catalysts- microscopic*

The parent's skills or opinions of giftedness, teacher's lack of awareness, poor school provisions.

*Which factors do you have some influence over?*

I feel I have influence within the environmental catalysts and intrapersonal catalysts.

Any teacher with an awareness of children's learning styles and abilities will be able to plan for that child to enable him/her to learn to the best of their ability. This in turn will have a positive effect on the child's education.

*What implications does this have for schools, classrooms and educators?*

One of the big implications is awareness. Being able to observe the children in your setting and being able to investigate their learning style or reasons for possible behaviours. This enables a teacher to follow through on an inclination that a child may possibly be a gifted learner. It creates an environment of acceptance for all kinds of learners.